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## COMMUNICATION

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Sir:

This paper and the Amended Appeal Brief enclosed herewith are submitted in reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated September 22, 2006. Since October 22, 2006 is a Sunday, the period for response extends up to and includes October 23, 2006, and this paper is timely filed within the one month period for response. Applicants have amended the Appeal Brief to include a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal as required under 37 CFR 41.37(e)(1). Applicants respectfully submit that the Appeal Brief is now compliant and request that the Appeal Brief be submitted to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for consideration.

If there are any questions regarding this paper, or which might otherwise further this case onto allowance, please contact the undersigned at (513) 241-2324. Moreover, if any other charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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